

REMARKS

In response to the above-identified On Request For Rehearing, Applicant cancels Claim 4. Accordingly, Claims 1-3 and 5-11 are pending.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences has found that all claims now pending, namely, claims 1-3 and 5-11, patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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